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**Testimony of
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Concerning Raised Bill No. 1088

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE
CONCERNING E-GOVERNMENT.***

Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee

March 1, 2011

Good morning Senator Fonfara, Representative Rowe and members of the Legislative Program Review and Investigations Committee. My name is Kendall Wiggin and I am the State Librarian. I am here to speak in support of Raised Bill 1088 in principle.

While I understand that the Governor's reorganization plan calls for the elimination of the Department of Information Technology, the idea of an e-government director within state government is important to carrying out any e-government initiative. I envision the e-government director working in conjunction with the e-government board called for in Raised Bill 1086. It has been my experience as a member and most recently as Chair of the Commission on Educational Technology (CET) that a full time person is critical to the workings of a board. Because of a lack of funding the CET has been without a full time executive director for many years and the work of the Commission has suffered. A board can not be expected to do all of the follow up needed to insure that policies and activities are implemented. An e-government director, acting as the chief advocate and point of contact within state government for the e-government initiative will be critical to its success.